



P.O.R.A.C.
Peace Officers Research Association of California
SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES CHAPTER

SUMMARY OF MEETING
DATE: February 12, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE

Regular Associations

Brawley Police Sgt Assn.
Brawley Public Safety Assn.
Calexico POA
Calipatria POA
Carlsbad PMA
Carlsbad POA
Chula Vista POA: David Oyos, Dustin Bruzee, Fred Rowbotham *(via ZOOM)*
Coronado POA
El Cajon POA: Anthony Vigil
El Centro POA
Escondido POA
Imperial CO District Atty Investigators Assn.
Imperial CO DSA
Imperial CO Public Safety Mngr Assn.: Duke Tanuvasa *(via ZOOM)*
Imperial POA
La Mesa POA
MiraCosta College POA

National City POA
Oceanside POA
Palomar College POA
RAM: Arnold Page, James Mac Donald; Randy Dibb, Mike Fender *(via ZOOM)*
SD CO DSA: Scott Crane, Mike O'Deane
SD CO Probation Officer Assn.: Veronica Limon; Jennifer Fox *(via ZOOM)*
SD Community College POA
SD CO DA Investigators Assn.
SD Harbor POA
SD POA: Keelan McCullough, Jared Wilson
SD Public Assistance Investigators Assn.
SD Schools PMA: Jesus Montana
SD Schools POA: Caleb Arnold
Southwestern Community College POA
UCSD Police Supervisors Assn.
Westmorland POA

Limited Associations

Brawley FFA
Escondido SWAT Medics Assn.
SD County DDA Assn.

Transit Enforcement Officers
Vista Fire Chief Officers Assn.

Reserve Associations

Carlsbad RPOA
Coronado PRA
El Cajon Reserve POA
Escondido PRA

National City PRA
SD County DA Reserve Investigators
SD RPOA
San Diego Sheriff's Reserve Assn.

CHAPTER WEBSITE

poracsandiego-imperialcountieschapter.org

<https://www.facebook.com/SDImperialCountyChapterPORAC/>

[Minutes were motioned, seconded, and passed at the March 12, 2025 chapter meeting.]

Attorneys

Bobbitt, Pinckard & Fields APC: *Rick Pinckard, Brad Fields*; **Dugan & Rader:** *David Dugan, Andrew Lockard*; **Mastagni, Holstedt APC:** *Jason Ewert (via ZOOM)*; **Scott A. O'Mara:** *Scott O'Mara, Spencer Kochel*; Rains, Lucia, Stern, St. Phalle & Silver

PORAC Endorsed Providers

AFLAC; CAHP Credit Union; **California Casualty:** *Inez Morales*; Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.

Guests

Damon Kurtz (PORAC IBT) (*via ZOOM*); Mason Herron (Edgewater Strategies); Christopher J. Torres (ARK Law Estate Planning)

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the San Diego and Imperial County Chapter of PORAC was called to order by President Keelan McCullough on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 1801 hours at the San Diego DSA Office. The meeting was also available via ZOOM,

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Scott Crane.

A moment of silence was held for the 6 law enforcement officers and three K-9s who have died in the line of duty since the January 8, 2025 meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call of the Executive Board was performed by Secretary Mac Donald. President McCullough, VP Oyos (*via ZOOM*), VP Tanuvasa, VP Wilson, VP Crane, Chapter Director Arnold, Treasurer Page, and Secretary Mac Donald were present.

Without objection, President McCullough suspended the Order of Business to swear in two new chapter vice presidents.

SWEARING IN OF CHAPTER VICE PRESIDENTS

President McCullough performed the oath of office to new chapter vice presidents Duke Tanuvasa and Scott Crane.

Without objection, President McCullough returned to the Order of Business, APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caleb Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2025 chapter meeting as electronically distributed . The motion was seconded by Jared Wilson and passed.

TREASURERS REPORT

Arnold Page reported the January 2025 CAHP statement and transaction list, and the January 2025 profit. All accounts are current. Contact him for any further information.

COMMITTEE/DIRECTORS REPORTS

Memorial—Simonds

There was no report due to his absence.

Technology—Wilson

There was nothing new to report.

Special Events—Oyos

There was nothing new to report.

Membership – Arnold

There are 46 associations and 7,499 members in the chapter.

RAM—Fender

The IRS anticipates that it will take approximately one year to adjust the Social Security benefits for those eligible after the passage of the elimination of WEP/GPO.

Chapter Director — Arnold

He deferred his report to Chapter VP Wilson who later reported under POLITICAL UPDATE, PAC.

Merchandise – Oyos

He will provide samples at the March meeting for possible chapter shirts to be worn at the 2025 PORAC Conference in San Diego.

Polo shirts were recommended as a change. It was also recommended that the shirts be worn at other events, i.e. memorials, etc.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

PORAC

Insurance & Benefit Trust (PORAC I&BT) – Bruzee

Disability programs will have been moved in-house as of March.

DISABILITY, LIFE & AD&D PROVIDERS

AFLAC

There was no report due to the absence of a representative.

California Casualty

Due to illness, Inez Morales was unable to attend the meeting.

Without objection, President McCullough suspended the Order of Business to take up NEW BUSINESS, SD Enforcers Football sponsorship.

NEW BUSINESS

SD Enforcers Football sponsorship

Fernando Huerta thanked the chapter for its support over the years of the program. The support is vital to the program's continued success because the players pay for their own fees to play, while the team pays for away game hotels.

This year two games will be played at Mesa College; versus LAPD and LASD.

After Huerta left the meeting, Scott Crane made a motion for the chapter to support the SD Enforcers Football program with a \$5,000 donation. The motion was seconded by Caleb Arnold and passed.

Without objection, President McCullough returned to the Order of Business, LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS, POLITICAL UPDATE.

LOCAL ISSUES/PROBLEMS

POLITICAL UPDATE—Wilson

PAC

He reported that the chapter PAC has \$31,228.37, and the chapter PIC has \$77,010.34. As set by the PORAC Board of Directors, the current split between the two is 80%/20%.

On February 4th, the PORAC Board of Directors met in Sacramento. Discussion was held regarding advocacy at the federal level. Currently, PORAC is represented by Steptoe & Johnson LLP. Under section 504(C)(4), it would allow PORAC to educate, rather than endorse candidates. No decision was made.

CA Congressman Mike Levin (SD 49) will be seeking reelection next year. He supported the bill that eliminated WEP/GPO which was a primary focus of PORAC at the national level.

[Jesus Montana arrived at the meeting.]

Mason Herron summarized the current SD County Supervisor District 1 race. SD City Councilwoman Vivian Moreno, Chula Vista Mayor John McCann, Chula Vista Deputy Mayor Carolina Chavez, and Imperial Beach Mayor Paloma Aguirre are seeking to replace Nora Vargas who resigned from the board.

LEGISLATION—Wilson

He reported that PORAC continues to work on the proposed K9 bill.

There is a bill which would condense 832 PC by 26 categories.

LEGAL/MEMBER CONCERNS

LDF – Rowbotham

He summarized several cases that are currently being defended in court.

The next meeting of the year will be on Thursday, March 20.

There are 20 murder/manslaughter and 37 excessive use of force criminal cases currently being defended by the Trust.

LEGAL UPDATES – Pinckard/Fields; Mastagni, Holstedt; Ferrone & Ferrone
There was no report.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – Dugan/O'Mara

Dave Dugan reported that there are more providers needed for better access to Medi-Care due to the excessive number of regulations and low payment for services.

Scott O'Mara distributed copies of Law199.com Newsletter (2025 Issue #2) . He outlined several areas of the newsletter “The Library of Information Provides You With Protection.”

LOCAL SUPPORTERS

Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp– Conklin

Due to illness, he was unable to attend the meeting.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

Chapter meeting—McCullough

He thanked SDPOA and Scott O'Mara for bringing the dinner to the meeting.

The next chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at 1800 hours.
The meeting will be held at SDDSA Office in Poway, and available via ZOOM.

More information regarding the April chapter meeting being held in Imperial County will be provided at the March meeting.

RAM will be bringing the dinner and Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp. will bring the refreshments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(None.)

NEW BUSINESS

(None.)

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection President McCullough adjourned the meeting at 1939 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
James Mac Donald
Chapter Secretary